

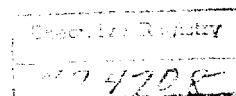
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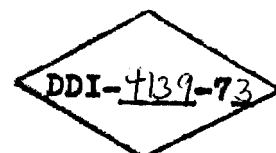
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August 13, 1973



Honorable William E. Colby
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

The attached letter from Senator Proxmire speaks for itself.

Would you please give me your knowledge and thoughts re same in order that I can answer the Senator's letter.

Sincerely,

Stuart Symington

SS:kn

cc: Senator Proxmire

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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 8, 1973

The Honorable Stuart Symington
 Acting Chairman
 Armed Services Committee
 Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Stu:

Certain rumors have come to me that I think you will agree require checking out by the CIA oversight subcommittee.

The first is the allegation that the Office of National Estimates of CIA is being disbanded. You undoubtedly know that the National Intelligence Estimates have been criticized by Henry Kissinger as not being a useful product. In some ways I would agree, with reference to NIE assessments of Africa, South America or of other developing areas.

But I also think that the NIEs contribute significantly to understanding Soviet and Chinese military capabilities. Without such military estimates, I am afraid that budget presentations, and military assessments will fall into the hands of the Department of Defense and be subject to interpretive biases.

The second point is even more serious. I have heard that the 1971 intelligence community reorganization plan was a backup proposal to the preferred recommendation of disbanding much of CIAs analytical responsibilities. Apparently the original recommendation called for consolidating analytical activities within the National Security Council instead of at CIA which would retain primarily a covert capability.

I am not sure of the precise accuracy of these charges but they are disturbing if only partly true. I hope that you could investigate these matters and perhaps obtain all documentation relevant to the 1971 reorganization plan to ascertain the truth of the situation.

Sincerely,



William Proxmire, U.S.S.

WP:rtm

DATE: 16 Aug 73

TO: Mr. Walsh,

FROM: Don ~~RR~~

SUBJECT: Proxmire Letter

REMARKS:

The attached is for information.
Proxmire has written Symington a letter stating
that rumors abound that ONE is being disbanded
and that the 1971 intelligence community re-
organization plan contained a recommendation
to disband much of CIA's analytical respons-
ibilities. Symington has asked Colby to pre-
pare a response.

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